

MORE COUNTY ALLIANCE REPORTS

I.—Warren.

Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

It being my duty, I send you here-with a sketch of the Warren County Alliance meeting for the quarter ending June 30, 1903. The Alliance met with Smith Creek Sub on July 14th. There were delegates only from Jones Spring and Smith Creek Sub to compose the Alliance, to-gether with its officers. We had present Bro. W. B. Fleming, State President, and Bro. Jno. Graham, Principal of Warrenton Preparatory School, and one of the State's best educators. With these and other brethren, and bucket full after bucket full of ice-cold lemonade, and at 12 o'clock a table laden with such delicacies as only the wives and daughters of Smith Creek farmers can prepare, you may guess the day was spent in harmony and pleasure.

It is a puzzle to the writer to know why the farmers won't organ-ize as all other professions, unless it be the power or influence of the power now behind the throne—which once shook the foundations of the Alliance in order to crush it out. This power now is at no less enmity against the organization than then, and have their sharks in every com-munity, who, when the Alliance is mentioned, show their teeth, and the poor farmer hangs his head and shuts his mouth in shame that he ever belonged to such an organiza-tion. Oh, for an education and back-bone among the farmers to cause them to stand for their rights under all circumstances!

Would that some plan could be arranged whereby each Alliance county could be better benefited by the Agency fund than at present. Its prices for most articles are high-er on account of freight than same articles can be bought here from local dealers. It seems reasonable that the funds or bonds of the Agency might be distributed to the Alliance counties subject to the County Executive Committee, and to be invested or as a backing for in-vestment in co-operative stores, cot-ton-seed oil mills or as the Alliance might wish to invest. I think a plan something like this would be strengthening to the Order.

Fraternally, etc.,

J. H. WHITE, Sec.

Warren Co., N. C.

II.—Franklin.

Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

The Franklin County Farmers' Al-liance quarterly meeting was held in the court-house in Louisburg on July 9th. The meeting was presided over by our worthy President, E. M. Gupton. Owing to the press of work in fighting "General Green," the at-tendance was small, but the enthusi-asm in the organization has not abated since last meeting. The brethren seem to realize the necessity of organization. This is an age of combinations and organizations. If we fail to organize as farmers, ere long we may wake up, like Rip

Van Winkle, finding ourselves rusty and our garments even more worn and tattered than his. So, brother farmers, let us come together and put our heads and shoulders togeth-er and try and better our condition educationally, morally and financi-ally.

Well, I am a little off the track from what I started out to do, so I'll get back. The roll of Subs was called and eleven were found to be repre-sented. The minutes of last meet-ing were read and approved. The routine work taken up and disposed of. The following officers were then elected to serve us another year: President, E. M. Gupton; Vice-Presi-dent, E. N. Williams; Secretary and Treasurer, W. H. Stallings; Lec-turer, H. D. Egerton; Steward, C. T. Perry; Chaplain, J. G. Faulkner; Sergeant-at-Arms, G. N. Langley; Doorkeeper, T. A. Wilson; Assistant Doorkeeper, Robt. Cooper; Business Agent, R. S. Foster; delegate to State Alliance, G. N. Langley; al-ternate, J. M. White. The officers-elect were installed, Bro. John Al-ford acting as steward and Bro. R. S. Foster as installing officer. Bro. H. D. Egerton gave us a good lec-ture. Bro. Robt. Cooper offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, for its educational in-fluence in things essential to our better advancement mentally, moral-ly and financially, we feel indebted to The Progressive Farmer, the or-gan of our Order, and recommend its visits to every family. And, fur-thermore, to Brother Parker for the new ideas suggested, and good ser-vices rendered. Last and not least in 'forget-me-nots' is Brother Cates for being mindful of us, feeling strengthened from the good work he has done."

It being late in the day and no more time for business, the Alliance adjourned to meet with Pugh's Sub in October.

W. H. STALLINGS, Sec.

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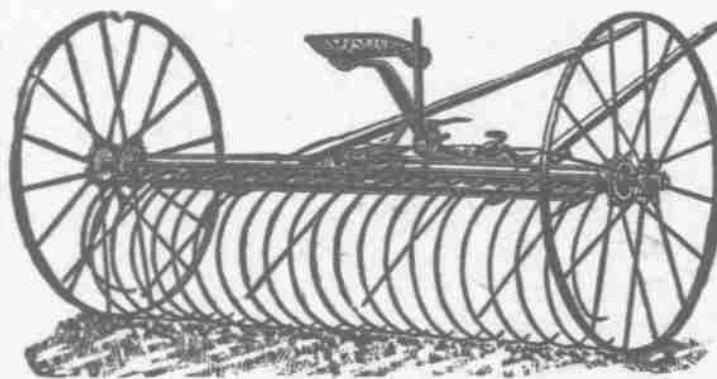
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